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## Flush Them Out

(From the Concord Monitor)

The John Birch Society presumably has New Hampshire members, but if so they have concealed their identity so far. However, the revival of McCarthyism which the society represents is abroad in this state.

Fascism, or McCarthyism, can be as dangerous to American liberty as Communism. It can be even more dangerous, perhaps, because it cloaks itself as patriotic, beguiling the well intentioned while it robs them of their rights.

The John Birch Society should be driven into the open. The governmental agencies and committees which are supposed to investigate subversion should make certain this new movement does not help destroy America, covertly or overtly.

One such committee is the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, which has been receiving numerous inquiries about the John Birch Society, inquiries in part excited because the society is semi-secret, and in part because it is fanatically anti-Communist, as

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McCarthy was. The chairman of the Senate Subcommittee is James O. Eastland, a Mississippi Democrat, who has been answering these inquiries with the following form letter:

The John Birch Society, about which you asked, is known to be a conservative anti-Communist organization. However, the subcommittee cannot endorse any organization officially. We are happy to state that it seems to be, from our records, a patriotic organization.

The head of the John Birch Society, one Robert Welch of Massachusetts, has accused Presidents Roosevelt, Truman and Eisenhower of being Communist or Communist dupes. He has levelled similar attacks upon the late John Foster Dulles, his brother Allen, who heads the Central Intelligence Agency, and at the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Yet Senator Eastland blandly says: "It is a patriotic organization."

If the Attorney General wants to look into possible subversion some more why not flush out the members of the John Birch Society in New Hampshire, who are keeping their identity very quiet, indeed.